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**MAN WHO THREATENED TO BLOW UP  
AIRCRAFT INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on December 13, 2007, Kirk Frederick Forest of Anchorage, Alaska, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Anchorage on a charge of threatening to destroy an aircraft with explosives.

The one-count indictment named Forest, age 39, as the sole defendant.

According to the indictment, on November 28, 2007, within the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States, Forest threatened to destroy, by detonating an explosive, a Boeing 737 aircraft, operated by Alaska Airlines. A search of the aircraft and its luggage and cargo revealed no evidence of explosives.

Assistant United States Attorney Steven E. Skrocki, who presented the case to the grand jury, indicated that the law provides for a maximum total sentence of ten years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed would be based upon the seriousness of the offense and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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